

SC Arts Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 26, 2002
1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2002

Members present	Pat Wilson, Pam Harpootlian, Carolyn Govan, Carrie Burns Brown, Patrick VanHuss, David Stinson, Connie Williams								
Members absent	Noble Cooper, Virginia Self								
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Clay Burnette, Rusty Sox								
Call to order	Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.								
Operating Support	Chairman Wilson explained the purpose of the day's meeting was to further discuss the proposed new criteria for General Operating Support grants. Members and staff reviewed proposed changes approved at the May board meeting.								
Recommendations	<p>On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. VanHuss presented a summary of its discussions, having met twice since the May board meeting. He then presented the Executive Committee's proposal for naming and weighting the criteria against which General Operating Support grant applications will be evaluated:</p> <table><tr><td>Artistic programs & services relative to mission</td><td>40 pts.</td></tr><tr><td>Organizational health</td><td>20 pts.</td></tr><tr><td>Public participation</td><td>20 pts.</td></tr><tr><td>Appropriateness, feasibility, and potential impact of LRP initiatives</td><td>20 pts.</td></tr></table>	Artistic programs & services relative to mission	40 pts.	Organizational health	20 pts.	Public participation	20 pts.	Appropriateness, feasibility, and potential impact of LRP initiatives	20 pts.
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Discussion	Discussion of the Executive Committee's recommendations followed.								
Motion	Mr. VanHuss moved to accept the Executive Committee's recommendations for criteria in the General Operating Support grant category. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved.								
Motion	Chairman Wilson moved that the following statement be entered into the minutes:								

“The board of the S.C. Arts Commission reaffirms its position that artists and artistic programs are the foremost priority of the agency.”

Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.

Motion Having covered all the business on the day’s agenda, Mr. Stinson moved to adjourn. Ms. Govan seconded, and the motion was approved.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2002

Members present Pat Wilson, Pam Harpootlian, Carolyn Govan, Carrie Burns Brown, Patrick VanHuss, Connie Williams, Noble Cooper

David Stinson arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Members absent Virginia Self

Staff present Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox

Call to order Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Approval of minutes Ms. Govan moved to approve the minutes of the May 23–24 meeting. Mr. VanHuss seconded. The motion was approved.

Chairman’s report Chairman Wilson reported on the success of *The Roots of R&B* beach music event at Piccolo Spoleto. She also expressed her appreciation to the board for the farewell dinner and gift on the previous evening.

Commissioners’ Reports Ms. Harpootlian reported on the Cultural Visions Council’s Long Term Impact Study. She also reported that the Cultural Visions Council had made one grant award in the period, and was planning a retreat for August.

Executive Director’s Report Ms. Surkamer gave a year-end report in which she highlighted some agency achievements for the year. Also:

- The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded six organizations in S.C. awards of \$10,000 each for programs targeted to at-risk youth.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USC's study of the economic impact of the arts industry in S.C. is complete. SCAC staff are planning the announcement and publicity for its findings. • SCAC will present a statewide symposium on public participation in the arts on August 15-16. • Ms. Surkamer has been elected Chairman of the Southern Arts Federation. • Ms. Surkamer served on the national selection committee for Coca-Cola Scholars. • Ms. Surkamer is engaged in dialogs with Very Special Arts to address the current state of arts services for the handicapped and disabled in S.C. with a goal of getting the S.C. VSA chapter reactivated.
3 rd quarter financial report	Ms. Surkamer reviewed the 3 rd quarter financial report.
Motion	Dr. Cooper moved to approve the report. Ms. Govan seconded, and the motion was approved.
FY:03 budget	Ms. Surkamer presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2003, which included reductions for a potential budget cut.
Consensus decision	By consensus, the board agreed that line items in the SCAC budget should be reduced by the same amount as the agency's state budget is cut.
Potential mid-year Budget cut	<p>The board discussed reserving additional funds beyond what was presented for a potential mid-year cut. Ms. Surkamer presented some options and the board made the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Net – \$30,000 – suspend program, may reinstate later • Community Tour - reduce by \$10,000 – may reinstate later • Fellowships – reduce by \$15,000 (cut indiv. awards to \$5,000.) • Literary Arts – reduce by \$3,000 • Multi-cultural – suspend program • Partnerships/facilities – reduce by 10% • Salary Assistance Grants – reduce by 10% • Verner Awards – reduce by \$6,000 • Visual Arts – reduce by \$2,000
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the proposed FY:03 budget with the discussed further reductions should a mid-year cut make them necessary. Ms. Govan seconded, and the motion was approved.
FY:04 budget	

Request	Ms. Surkamer explained the FY:04 budget request would attempt to further the agency's goal of reaching \$1 per capita in grantmaking dollars.
Executive Director's Performance review	The document containing the Executive Director's Performance Review was distributed.
Motion	Mr. VanHuss moved to approve the Executive Director's Performance Review as written. Dr. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.
Mr. May absent	Ken May was absent for the following discussion and vote.
Community Tour	Performing Arts Coordinator Larry Hembree joined the meeting. He explained the panel and selection process, and presented the recommended artists for the Community Tour program.
Motion	Ms. Govan moved to approve the recommendation for Community Tour. Dr. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.
Ken May present	Mr. May rejoined the meeting
Annual Projects/ Individual Artists	Grants Director Clay Burnette joined the meeting to present recommendations for Annual Projects for Individual Artists.
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the recommendations for Annual Projects for Individual Artists. Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.
Dr. Cooper Absent	Dr. Cooper was absent for the following discussion and vote.
Annual Projects/ Organizations	Mr. Burnette presented recommendations for Annual Projects for Organizations.
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the recommendations for Annual Projects for Organizations. Ms. Govan seconded, and motion was approved.
Dr. Cooper present	Dr. Cooper rejoined the meeting
Annual Op. Support Organizations	Mr. Burnette presented recommendations for Annual Operating Support for Organizations.

Discussion	Board members discussed a need for outreach to low-scoring organizations.						
Motion	Mr. VanHuss moved to approve recommendations for Annual Operating Support for Organizations. Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.						
Folklife	Folklife Coordinator Craig Stinson joined the meeting for discussion of the proposed Folklife grant awards. Mr. Burnette presented recommendations for Folklife grants.						
Discussion	Board and staff discussed the Folklife recommendations.						
Motion	Ms. Brown moved to approve the recommendations for all listed except the S.C. Progressive Network. Mr. Stinson seconded, and motion was approved.						
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the recommendation for the S.C. Progressive network. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion was approved by a majority of votes cast. Chairman Wilson requested that the vote be recorded as follows: <table> <tr> <td>Yea</td><td>Mr. Stinson Ms. Brown Ms. Govan Ms. Harpootlian</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nay</td><td>Ms. Wilson Mr. VanHuss</td></tr> <tr> <td>Abstain</td><td>Dr. Cooper Ms. Williams</td></tr> </table>	Yea	Mr. Stinson Ms. Brown Ms. Govan Ms. Harpootlian	Nay	Ms. Wilson Mr. VanHuss	Abstain	Dr. Cooper Ms. Williams
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Fellowships	Mr. Burnette presented recommendations for fellowships.						
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the recommendations for fellowships with awards set at \$5,000 each. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved.						
Election of Officers	On behalf of the nominating committee, Mr. Stinson presented the slate of officers for one-year terms beginning July 1, 2002: <table> <tr> <td>Chairman</td><td>Mr. VanHuss</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chairman</td><td>Ms. Govan</td></tr> <tr> <td>Executive Committee</td><td>Dr. Cooper</td></tr> </table>	Chairman	Mr. VanHuss	Vice Chairman	Ms. Govan	Executive Committee	Dr. Cooper
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Motion	Ms. Harpootlian moved to approve the slate of nominees. Ms. Wilson seconded and the motion was approved.
Motion	Having completed the agenda, and having no further business, Mr. VanHuss moved to adjourn. Ms. Harpootlian seconded and the motion was approved.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.